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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 November 1965

Messrs. [] gave a short briefing of the current heavy fighting between U.S. and [] forces in Vietnam.

Cline noted a resurgence of interest in Washington in upcoming developments in Western Europe. He noted that certain [] officials were seeking to have their country take the lead in a "Little Europe" []

R. J. Smith delivered various drafts of a speech for the DDCI's use in New York tomorrow.

Bannerman noted an increase in the number of [] [] He also noted that there would be a temporary increase in Commo personnel in []

[] noted the dispatch of close support teams to [] for possible eventualities.

DDCI noted the apparent unhappiness of Congressman Teague with the briefings he had received in [] and at Headquarters. DDP will query [] for background information, (See Action 1)

Earman noted an 0800 radio broadcast which mentioned Senator Russell's concern on the question of U.S. Government refusal to negotiate with North Vietnam. DDCI requested that John Warner check with Bill Darden on this.

Houston noted that he would be going to [] matters.

Bross reported on the meeting yesterday with McNamara and Vance which included the DCI, [] and Bross. In this connection, [] noted that John Foster was also present and spoke favorably on several points regarding the Agency.

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[] noted that for the meeting next week with McNamara and Vance, a report will be prepared on the reliability of the aircraft involved in the possible BLACKSHIELD deployment.

DDCI initiated a discussion of the letter from Clark Clifford concerning the DCI's appearance before the PFIAB next Tuesday. Bross was asked to do some spade work on how the response should be developed and a meeting will be held later in the day to firm up the assignments for the preparation of the DCI's briefing. In this connection, deSilva pointed out the desirability of including the cable from Ambassador Lodge concerning the PAT teams.

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DDS&T reported that an investigation was underway of the recently [] He noted that a second Soviet Venus probe had been launched. He noted that [] if the recent remarks by a Soviet General concerning mobile ICBM's is true. He reported that the Army R&D team will come to the Agency to give briefings on 22 November. He noted that FTD will be coming out for their semi-annual meeting with OSI on 23 November. Lastly, he reported that an intensive investigation is underway in DDS&T on the question of acquiring intelligence on Soviet solid fuel propellants.

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Executive Director noted that the Military members of the Interdepartmental Seminar will be coming to the Agency this afternoon to view the paramilitary display. He noted that he had received calls from William Thomas and Don Smith in the Budget Bureau concerning further meetings on the recent letter from the DCI to BOB. DDCI suggested that this matter be taken up with the DCI. The Executive Director noted that William Thomas has been circulating freely in the building and suggested that when he contacted any officers they would be well advised to run him through John Clarke's office initially.

ACTIONS

1. Dr. Elder will take up the Teague cable with the DCI.

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